

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957

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Mr. THOMAS, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9739]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 9739) making appropriations for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 3, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 28, 33, 43, 49, 56, and 72.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 4, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 30, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 65, 66, 69, and 75, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$12,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$17,407,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 5:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$487,500; and, the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 6, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$525,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$117,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 8:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$6,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$47,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$4,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$5,225,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 22:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 22, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$125,000,000 and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 24:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 24, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$120,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$2,884,400; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 29:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 29, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,175,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 31:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 31, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$9,540,375; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 32:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 32, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment, amended to read as follows:

No part of any money appropriated by this or any other Act for any agency of the executive branch of the Government shall be used during the current fiscal year for the purchase within the continental limits of the United States of any typewriting machines except in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 34:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 34, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$6,225,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 35:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 35, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$1,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 36:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 36, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$7,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 37:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 37, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$10,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 38:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 38, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$93,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 44:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 44, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$61,887,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 46:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 46, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$14,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 47:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 47, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$38,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 48:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 48, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$40,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 51:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 51, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$1,125; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 54:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 54, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert *twenty-eight*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 57:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 57, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert *\$163,027,130*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 58:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 58, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment, amended to read as follows: *, of which \$17,640,042 shall be available for such expenses as are necessary for the loan guaranty program*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 63:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 63, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment insert *, of which \$2,000,000 shall be used for the major alteration, rehabilitation, and modernization for the continued operation of the hospital at McKinney, Texas, and \$1,500,000 shall be available for technical services for replacement of the general medical and surgical hospital at Nashville, Tennessee*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 67:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 67, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert *\$1,036,700*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 68:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 68, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert *\$46,950*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 70:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 70, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert *\$368,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 71:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 71, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$2,165,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 73:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 73, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,775,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 74:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 74, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$12,475,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference report in disagreement amendments numbered 50 and 64.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 9739) making appropriations for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

TITLE I—INDEPENDENT OFFICES

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize \$12,000 for consultant services instead of \$10,000 as proposed by the House and \$29,000 as proposed by the Senate; and appropriate \$17,407,500 for salaries and expenses instead of \$17,282,500 as proposed by the House and \$17,532,500 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 3: Restores House language relating to compensation or expenses of members of boards of examiners.

Amendment No. 4: Deletes House language relating to employees who allocate or reallocate supervisory positions in the classified civil service as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 5—*Investigations of United States citizens for employment by international organizations*: Appropriates \$487,500 instead of \$450,000 as proposed by the House and \$525,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 6—*Payment to civil-service retirement and disability fund*: Appropriates \$525,000,000 instead of \$600,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$440,438,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 7: Authorizes \$117,500 for administrative expenses of the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act instead of \$100,000 as proposed by the House and \$186,700 as proposed by the Senate.

FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

Amendments Nos. 8 and 9—*Operations*: Authorize \$6,000 for the purchase of newspapers, periodicals, and teletype news services instead of \$5,000 as proposed by the House and \$10,000 as proposed by the Senate; and appropriate \$15,560,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$21,700,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 10—*Emergency supplies and equipment*: Appropriates \$47,000,000 instead of \$42,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$64,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 11—*Surveys, plans, and research*: Appropriates \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$14,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 12—*Salaries and expenses, civil defense functions of Federal agencies*: Appropriates \$4,000,000 instead of \$1,540,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 13: Restores House language relating to the construction or lease of warehouse space.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

DISASTER RELIEF

Amendments Nos. 14 and 15: Appropriate \$6,000,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$5,386,030 as proposed by the House; and delete Senate language limiting the amount of expenditures in any one State.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Amendment No. 16—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriates \$7,828,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$7,800,000 as proposed by the House.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 17 and 18—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$5,225,000 instead of \$5,200,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,250,000 as proposed by the Senate; and authorize \$325,000 for investigations relating to Federal river development projects as proposed by the Senate instead of \$200,000 as proposed by the House.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 19, 20, and 21—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize \$237,000 for expenses of travel as proposed by the Senate instead of \$227,000 as proposed by the House; appropriate \$5,550,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$5,400,000 as proposed by the House; and delete House language relating to a statistical analysis of the consumer's dollar as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 22—*Operating expenses, Public Buildings Service*: Appropriates \$125,000,000 instead of \$122,694,200 as proposed by the House and \$128,084,500 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 23—*Repair, improvement, and equipment of federally owned buildings outside the District of Columbia*: Appropriates \$42,565,550 as proposed by the House instead of \$42,638,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 24 and 25—*Operating expenses, Federal Supply Service*: Authorize \$120,000 for expenses of travel instead of \$81,000 as proposed by the House and \$160,000 as proposed by the Senate; and appropriate \$2,884,400 instead of \$2,809,400 as proposed by the House and \$2,959,400 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 26—*Expenses, general supply fund*: Appropriates \$14,770,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$14,270,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 27—*Operating expenses, National Archives and Records Service*: Appropriates \$6,893,650 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,818,650 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 28—*Survey of Government records, records management, and disposal practices*: Deletes Senate language to appropriate \$200,000.

Amendments Nos. 29 and 30—*Strategic and critical materials*: Authorize \$3,175,500 for operating expenses instead of \$3,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,351,000 as proposed by the Senate; and insert a comma as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 31—*Administrative operations fund*: Authorizes \$9,540,375 instead of \$9,278,200 as proposed by the House and \$9,802,550 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 32: Strikes out House language relating to the purchase of typewriters but inserts language requiring that they be purchased in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. The deletion of the typewriter price restriction language is not intended to alter the present prohibition against purchases of typewriting machines by agencies in the executive branch of the Government unless the General Services Administration certifies that suitable typewriting machines are not available from excess.

Amendment No. 33: Restores House language authorizing 10 positions in grade GS-16 and 1 position in grade GS-18 of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Amendment No. 34—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriates \$6,225,000 instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,450,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 35—*Urban planning grants*: Appropriates \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 36—*Reserve of planned public works (payment to revolving fund)*: Appropriates \$7,500,000 instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$9,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 37—*Administrative expenses*: Appropriates \$10,500,000 instead of \$9,700,000 as proposed by the House and \$10,700,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 38—*Annual contributions*: Appropriates \$93,000,000 instead of \$90,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$96,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize the purchase of 60 passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate instead of 45 as proposed by the House; insert language as proposed by the Senate authorizing not to exceed \$1,085,000 for expenses of travel; appropriate \$14,879,696 for the Interstate Commerce Commission as proposed by the Senate instead of \$13,900,000 as proposed by the House; authorize not less than \$1,230,178 for

expenses necessary to carry out railroad safety activities and not less than \$849,500 for expenses necessary to carry out locomotive inspection activities as proposed by the Senate instead of not less than \$1,939,000 for railroad safety and locomotive inspection activities as proposed by the House; and strike out language proposed by the Senate earmarking \$187,088 for 22 inspectors for the Bureau of Motor Carriers. In deleting language proposed by the Senate earmarking funds for motor-carrier inspectors, the conferees intend that the additional funds provided shall be used for such safety inspectors as intended in the language.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Amendments Nos. 44 and 45—*Salaries and expenses*: Provide \$63,387,500 instead of \$62,075,000 as proposed by the House and \$64,700,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 46—*Construction and equipment*: Appropriates \$14,000,000 instead of \$13,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL CAPITAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Amendment No. 47—*Maintenance and operation of properties*: Appropriates \$38,000 instead of \$37,000 as proposed by the House and \$39,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Amendments Nos. 48 and 49—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$40,000,000 instead of \$35,915,000 as proposed by the House and \$41,300,000 as proposed by the Senate; and restore House language earmarking \$9,500,000 for the supplementary training of high school science and mathematics teachers. The amount appropriated includes \$3,500,000 proposed for a radio astronomy facility.

NATIONAL SECURITY TRAINING COMMISSION

Amendment No. 50—*Salaries and expenses*: Reported in disagreement. The conferees are agreed that the amount provided for this agency in fiscal year 1957 should be to close out its activities during the fiscal year.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 51, 52, and 53—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize \$1,125 for the purchase of newspapers instead of \$750 as proposed by the House and \$1,500 as proposed by the Senate; authorize purchase of one passenger motor vehicle as proposed by the Senate; and appropriate \$5,749,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$5,700,000 as proposed by the House.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Amendments Nos. 54, 55, and 56—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize purchase of 28 motor vehicles for replacement only instead of 19 as proposed by the House and 38 as proposed by the Senate; appropriate

\$29,050,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$28,442,000 as proposed by the House; and restore House language earmarking \$20,-586,050 for activities of local boards.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Amendments Nos. 57, 58, and 59—*General operating expenses*: Appropriate \$163,027,130 instead of \$162,118,260 as proposed by the House and \$163,936,000 as proposed by the Senate; insert language earmarking \$17,640,042 for the loan guaranty program proposed by the House; and authorize 22 persons in public relations work as proposed by the Senate instead of 20 persons as proposed by the House.

Amendments Nos. 60 and 61—*Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses*: Appropriate \$20,773,800 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$16,099,600 as proposed by the House; and earmark \$10,000,000 for medical research as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 62, 63, and 65—*Hospital and domiciliary facilities*: Appropriate \$51,635,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$50,935,000 as proposed by the House. The appropriation, in addition to the budget program, includes \$1,500,000 for the major alteration and rehabilitation of the hospital at McKinney, Tex., for permanent use; \$2,000,000 for replacement of the hospital at Nashville, Tenn.; and chapel facilities for the hospitals at Northampton, Mass., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Brooklyn, N. Y., as proposed by the House; and \$700,000 for a therapeutic exercise clinic for the hospital at Battle Creek, Mich., as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 64: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 66—*Major alterations, improvements, and repairs*: Appropriates \$4,533,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$4,447,000 as proposed by the House.

TITLE II—CORPORATIONS

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

Amendments Nos. 67 and 68: Authorize \$1,036,700 for administrative expenses of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board instead of \$978,400 as proposed by the House and \$1,095,000 as proposed by the Senate; and authorize \$46,950 for expenses of travel instead of \$42,400 as proposed by the House and \$51,500 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 69—*Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation*: Authorizes \$596,000 for administrative expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$532,000 as proposed by the House.

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

Amendment No. 70—*Office of the Administrator, public facility loans*: Authorizes \$368,000 for administrative expenses instead of \$318,000 as proposed by the House and \$418,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 71 and 72—*Office of the Administrator, revolving fund (liquidating programs)*: Authorize \$2,165,000 for administrative expenses instead of \$2,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,310,000

as proposed by the Senate; and authorize \$7,900,000 for nonadministrative expenses as proposed by the House instead of \$8,400,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 73—*Federal National Mortgage Association*: Authorizes \$3,775,000 for administrative expenses instead of \$3,700,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,850,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 74 and 75—*Public Housing Administration*: Authorize \$12,475,000 for administrative expenses instead of \$11,550,000 as proposed by the House and \$12,800,000 as proposed by the Senate; and insert language authorizing purchase of uniforms and allowances therefor as proposed by the Senate.

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